

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF THE YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU



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**Mansfield YSB Advisory Board
Minutes**

Tuesday, September 14, 2010
12:00PM at Mansfield Town Hall
Conference Room C

Board Members

Present:

Ethel Mantzaris, Chair
Patricia Michalak, YSB Coordinator
Kathleen McNamara, YSB Senior Social Worker
Kevin Grunwald, Director of Human Services
Jay O'Keefe, Parks & Recreation
Jerry Marchon, Police Officer
Sevan Angacian, UConn Ph.D. Candidate
Chuck Leavens, EOS Counselor
Jennifer Abele, EOS Student
Jane Griffin, EOS Student

Absent:

Frank Perrotti, Co-Chair
Eileen Griffin, Social Worker, LCSW
Candace Morrell, Assistant Principal MMS
Teri Hebert, Educational Consultant
Jeff Smith, Resident

Guest:

Matthew Lawrence, MSW social work intern

Proceedings

- I. Meeting called to order at 12:03PM by Chair, Ethel Mantzaris
 - a. Introductions around the table
- II. June 8, 2010 meeting minutes were accepted and approved
- III. Reports:
 - a. Director's Report – Kevin Grunwald
 - i. Quarterly department report:
 1. Health Team is focused on nutrition and active-living for young children; Farm-to-Table Dinner event will take place on 9/28/10 at 5:00PM, 7:00PM will be the keynote address by Dr. David Katz
 2. Town Council Committee on Committees - Will want a representative from YSB

- b. Coordinator's Report – Patricia Michalak
 - i. Jane read thank-you notes from Girls Group members who went to camp
 - ii. Great year of Challenge program – Chuck reflected on the experience this year
 - 1. At next month's Advisory Board meeting, we will watch the Challenge DVD
 - iii. Freshmen Orientation – great success with good energy; All 51 mentors showed up for the event
 - iv. Kathy's new initiative this summer – took at-risk families and created a mother's group evening dinner; will continue this in the year

IV. Old Business:

- a. YSB Regionalization Discussion
 - i. The YSB's including, Coventry, Willington and Ashford will be meeting on 9/20/10
 - ii. Pat posed question about when or how often the YSB's should meet?
 - 1. December and April were posed by Ethel

V. New Business:

- a. COPE presentation
 - i. Sevan discussed her dissertation research with COPE, children's loss group for her doctorate and the increasing need to be accountable for progress with scientifically-based research in programming
 - ii. Increase focus on parent involvement, community integration, and use of valid and appropriate methods for interventions

VI. Other:

- a. Pat - Will send an email to the group with the next 3 months' meeting dates
- b. Matt - Introduced himself further
 - i. BSW from Eastern
 - ii. Worked as a vocational specialist with emphasis on home visits
 - iii. Looking forward to working more with children
- c. Jerry – Compiled statistics about juvenile referrals in Mansfield
 - i. Potential to get Mansfield involved in Juvenile Review Board
 - ii. Interest in finding out who made referrals
 - iii. Question about Natchaug
 - iv. Need to minimize the disconnect between YSB and Police
- d. Jay – Reminded us about after-school programs at the Community Center –
 - i. Childcare from K-5th grades can go to the Community Center
 - ii. Teens grades 6-8th
 - iii. High School students
 - iv. Jay will provide handouts for distribution at COPE and will speak with Kathy about this further
- e. Chuck - EOS has a non-profit for Haiti – Roots of Development
 - i. Event will be Sunday, 9/19/10 at 8:00AM

VII. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 12:49PM
- b. Minutes submitted by Sevan Angacian